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Report Highlights:

There is no change in Pakistan's MY 2001/02 rice production forecast of 3.74 Million Metric Tons, based on the latest information from the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock. Pakistan's MY 2001/02 ending stocks have been decreased by 70,000 MT to 372,000 metric tons, based on lowered opening stocks and upward revision in MY 2000/01 exports.

Includes PSD changes: Yes
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Production

There is no change in Pakistan's MY 2001/02 rice production forecast of 3.74 Million Metric Tons (MMT) based on the latest information from the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock (MINFAL). According to the MINFAL, the combination of decreased area and lower yields resulted in reduced output. MINFAL reports that 80,000 hectares of IRRI area in Sindh were not planted and that IRRI area in Punjab decreased from 313,000 hectares to only 136,000 hectares due to irrigation problems. Yields decreased due to late planting as well as to a switch from a high-yielding Basmati 386 (which is not a true Basmati variety and is causing marketing problems for Pakistani Basmati varieties) to IRRI.

Table 1: Rice Production Supply and Demand

| PSD Table | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------|---------|-------------|---------|--------------------|---------|
| Country | Pakistan | | | | | |
| Commodity | Rice, Milled | | | | (1000 HA)(1000 MT) | |
| | Revised | 1999 | Preliminary | 2000 | Forecast | 2001 |
| | Old | New | Old | New | Old | New |
| Market Year Begin | | 11/1999 | | 11/2000 | | 11/2001 |
| Area Harvested | 2515 | 2515 | 2350 | 2350 | 2032 | 2020 |
| Beginning Stocks | 359 | 359 | 811 | 811 | 504 | 432 |
| Milled Production | 5156 | 5156 | 4700 | 4700 | 3740 | 3740 |
| Rough Production | 7735 | 7735 | 7051 | 7051 | 5611 | 5611 |
| MILLING RATE (.9999) | 6666 | 6666 | 6666 | 6666 | 6666 | 6666 |
| TOTAL Imports | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jan-Dec Imports | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jan-Dec Import U.S. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL SUPPLY | 5515 | 5515 | 5511 | 5511 | 4244 | 4172 |
| TOTAL Exports | 2104 | 2104 | 2357 | 2429 | 1100 | 1100 |
| Jan-Dec Exports | 2026 | 2000 | 2100 | 2398 | 1100 | 1100 |
| TOTAL Dom. Consumption | 2600 | 2600 | 2650 | 2650 | 2700 | 2700 |
| Ending Stocks | 811 | 811 | 504 | 432 | 444 | 372 |
| TOTAL DISTRIBUTION | 5515 | 5515 | 5511 | 5511 | 4244 | 4172 |

Trade

Pakistan's MY 2001/02 export have been hampered by limited IRRI carry-in stocks and decreased price competitiveness of IRRI in world markets due to more than 10 percent appreciation of the Pakistani rupee since September 11 and bullish domestic demand due to the short crop. Pakistan's MY 2000/01 rice export estimate has been increased, based on final figures from the Federal Bureau of Statistics (FBS).

Stocks

MY 2001/02 ending stocks have been decreased to account for the decline in carry-in stocks.